

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a golf ball comprising a core and a cover composed of one or more layers around the core, said method comprising the steps of:

(A) enclosing the core with a thermoplastic resin layer, and

(B) tailoring the thermoplastic resin layer by applying heat and pressure thereto, for adjusting the thickness of the thermoplastic resin layer to 0.3 to 1.0 mm;

wherein the step (B) of tailoring the thermoplastic layer by applying heat and pressure thereto includes applying heat and pressure to the thermoplastic resin layer enclosing the core in a tailoring mold;

wherein the tailoring mold consists essentially of a plurality of split mold sections having inner surfaces that define a spherical cavity when mated and defining a parting plane therebetween, and has holes and/or slits disposed in the parting plane for communication between the interior and the exterior of the mold; and

wherein in the tailoring mold, a plurality of protrusions are disposed on the spherical cavity-defining inner surfaces for shaping dimples.

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2. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the step (A) of enclosing the core with a thermoplastic resin includes injection molding a thermoplastic resin around the core.

3. (original): The method of claim 2 wherein the injection molding step uses an injection mold which consists essentially of two split mold sections having inner surfaces that define a spherical cavity having an equator when mated, has a parting plane in alignment with the equator of the spherical cavity, and has a plurality of resin-injecting gates open at the spherical cavity-defining inner surfaces.

4. (original): The method of claim 3 wherein in the injection mold, the plurality of resin-injecting gates open at the spherical cavity-defining inner surfaces are disposed in the parting plane.

5-7. (canceled).

8. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said thermoplastic resin is a thermoplastic urethane resin.

9. (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the cover includes a plurality of layers, and the step (A) of enclosing the core with a thermoplastic resin is to enclose the core,

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which has been enclosed with a cover inner layer, with a cover outermost layer, the cover outermost layer being contiguous to the cover inner layer.

10. (original): The method of claim 9 wherein the cover outermost layer and the cover inner layer are formed of thermoplastic resins of substantially the same color.

11. (withdrawn): A golf ball manufactured by the method of claim 1.

12. (new): The method of claim 1 wherein step (A) uses a first mold for enclosing the core with the thermoplastic resin layer and step (B) uses a second mold for tailoring the thermoplastic resin layer.

13. (new): The method of claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic resin layer is cooled after step (A) and before step (B).